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Evangelism: From Crusade to Coffee Shop

The plans are in motion for a very good program. Leighton Ford '55 is our keynote speaker and Jin S. Kim (DMin. student) is our preacher. There will also be workshops. The leaders are not yet named, but here is some information on our keynoter, and preacher.

Leighton Ford, author, social activist, leader, communicator and mentor, was singled out by Time Magazine as “among the most influential preachers of an active Gospel.” Dr. Ford is president of Leighton Ford Ministries.

As an author, he has written 10 books, including the award-winning, *“Sandy: A Heart for God”* (the biography of his son who died during heart surgery in 1981) and his most recent book, *“The Power of Story.”*

As a social activist, Dr. Ford has been an advocate for such issues as world hunger, poverty and racism. He received the “Two Hungers Award” in 1990 in recognition of his contributions in addressing the physical and spiritual hungers of people around the world.

As a communicator, he has spoken to millions of people in scores of countries on every continent of the world. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he was

named “Clergyman of the Year” in 1985 by Religious Heritage of America, and as “Presbyterian Preacher of the Year” by the National Presbyterian Center. Dr. Ford was vice-president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, where he served for 31 years. He was also a regular alternate speaker with Billy Graham, his brother-in-law, on the Hour of Decision, one of the most popular religious broadcasts of its time. He has also been featured on his own radio and television spots in the United States, Canada and Australia.

As a leader, Dr. Ford serves as the Honorary Lifetime Chairman of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, having served from 1976 to 1992 as chairman of this international body of Christian leaders. In fact, one could say that he has written the book on what it means to be a leader - *“Transforming Leadership”*, published by InterVarsity Press, is one of the most comprehensive books on leadership ever written.

Dr. Ford also serves on the boards of World Vision US, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Duke University Cancer Center and Chrysalis Ministries.

As a mentor, he has spent the last several years of his life pouring himself into younger men and women through Leighton Ford Ministries. The unique Arrow Leadership Program established under his leadership has now become a continuing international program in its own right.

Dr. Ford lives in Charlotte, NC with his wife, Jean. Leighton and Jean have a married daughter, Debbie, and a married son, Kevin, who heads a consulting group in northern Virginia.

Jin S. Kim is the organizing pastor of Church of All Nations, PCUSA. In 1999 he began his ministry in Minnesota, casting the vision that would transform the English Ministry of the Korean Presbyterian Church to the Church of All Nations, chartered as a new congregation in 2004. Born in Korea in 1968, his family immigrated to the US in 1975. He grew up in Columbia, SC, and Atlanta, GA, in a multiethnic environment. He holds degrees from Georgia Tech, Princeton Seminary, and nears completion of a Doctor of Ministry in New Church Development at Columbia Seminary. He is immediate past President of PFR (Presbyterians For Renewal), and currently serves as President of the board of Korean Adoptees Ministry. He also serves on the Presbytery Council, his synod's Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry, and is chair of the board of advisors of Cross Cultural Alliance of Ministries. Recent speaking engagements include preaching at the 216th General Assembly in Richmond, keynote speaking at the Presbyterian Coalition's Gathering VIII and the Korean Caucus's annual conference, and speaking at Princeton Seminary, Dubuque Seminary, and numerous Wee Kirk conferences. Jin's family includes his wife Soon Pac, Claire Nicea, 6, and Austin Athanasius, 3. He is an avid golfer in the few warm months in MN, loves to play volleyball, basketball, raquetball, Trivial Pursuit and

Monopoly, and will one day pick up ice fishing.

Martha Moore-Keish Joins Faculty As Assistant Professor Of Theology

Martha Moore-Keish was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and raised in Tallahassee, Florida, where her father, Walter Moore, taught church history at Florida State University. Martha's mother, Marian, worked for many years as an educator with hearing impaired students in the Leon County public schools. From the age of three, Martha was an active participant in the life of First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee: singing in choirs, attending Sunday school, and dropping pieces of the bulletin from the balcony during worship services. During her growing-up years, she was fortunate to have as pastors some fine Columbia alumni (Buddy Ennis and Joe Harvard) as well as former faculty member, George Telford.

After graduating from high school in 1985, Martha decided to head north for college. She attended Harvard, where she focused her studies on comparative religion, and particularly medieval Christian mysticism. Studies of Christian mysticism, as well as Buddhist and Hindu ritual, left her with an abiding interest in questions of religious experience and interreligious conversation.

By the time she graduated from college, Martha had already discerned a call to ministry and had been accepted to the M.Div. program at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Before heading to seminary, however, she accepted a Rotary Fellowship to study in India for a

year, spending her time at Visva-Bharati University in West Bengal and traveling as much as she could around the country. This year of study and travel only deepened her commitment to interreligious understanding, as well as giving her a new interest in the way rituals shape human lives. She also brought home a huge appetite for Indian food, which she indulges frequently, both in her own kitchen and at local restaurants.

In 1990, Martha returned from India and started summer Greek at Union (now Union-PSCE). She was quickly captivated by fellow student Chris Keish, who displayed impressive prowess on the ultimate Frisbee field. Six months later the two were engaged. They married in 1992 and headed off to East Kilbride, Scotland, for a year-long student internship (and honeymoon). By the time they returned to Richmond, Martha had sensed a shift in her call: from parish ministry to teaching in service of the church.

This led to a PhD program in theological studies at Emory University, where Martha brought together her interests in Reformed theology and ritual studies and discovered a new field of interest in liturgical theology. With Don Saliers as an advisor, Martha brought all of these fields into conversation in her dissertation on Reformed Eucharistic theology.

The year 2000 took the Moore-Keishes from Southern Pines, NC (where Chris served as associate pastor and Martha wrote her dissertation) to Louisville, KY, where Martha accepted a position as an associate in the Office of Theology and Worship in the Presbyterian national

offices. During her years in Louisville, Martha worked on several writing projects for the church, as well as organizing seminars for pastors and church musicians who wanted to devote time studying and talking together about liturgical theology and liturgical practice.

From 2003-2004 Martha taught liturgical studies at Yale Divinity School and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. This was an invigorating opportunity to work with students from enormously varied backgrounds, who brought with them equally varied questions about theology and worship.

Though she would happily have stayed at Yale longer, when Columbia called and offered a position teaching theology, Martha did not need to think long. Returning to a region of the country that is still home, teaching in the field of theology, which is her disciplinary home, training pastors for ministry, and working with gifted colleagues—all of these things combined to make Columbia an institution too attractive to resist. She has now survived her first semester co-teaching Christian Theology 1 with George Stroup, and she is looking forward to the second semester.

Martha and Chris now joyfully occupy the house at 505 South Columbia Drive (formerly the Carroll house) with their two daughters Miriam (7) and Fiona (2), their two cats, Tiglath-Pileser and Grendel, and their two pet rats, Hermione and Skiffy.

About Our Alums

Wayne W. Hoffmann '62, was recently elected president of Christian Charities/USA. CC/USA is a federation of Christian charities that are supported through work-place giving ; e.g. payroll deduction, where the employee can select his/her charity, in distinction from a generic "united" way approach. Among those charities supported are the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel and Habitat for Humanity.

Bill Jones'70 retired in 2001 and is enjoying a "second career" as a storyteller. He has traveled to 15 states and performed and taught in schools, libraries, coffee houses, museums, theaters, festivals and, of course, churches. He has shared his passion for the power of storytelling in congregations with a number of Presbyterian Churches in TN, FL, TX, NM, and NC, and conducted workshops on "The Powers of Storytelling" and "When We Don't Get What We Pray For: Telling our Difficult Stories" at presbytery events. Bill was "Teller-in-Residence" for a week in 2002 at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, TN.

John Zachry '72 was installed Nov. 21, 2004, as pastor of Central Congregational Church in Chelmsford, MA. He is the 33rd pastor since the church's establishment in 1877. After the formal installation ceremony, John was presented with everything he would need to become a true New Englander – a Red Sox baseball cap, a Patriot's windbreaker, and New England sports team blanket.

Ted Smith '86 is pastor of First church, Cartersville, GA. On December 18, 2004, his daughter, Ashley Lynn, was married to Aaron Engler in a service of worship at FPC, Cartersville. **Patrick Wrisley, '87** (pastor of the Celebration, FL, church) presided at the service. Ted's wife, Cantey, is a middle school principal in Cartersville and his son, Ian, a high school senior, recently committed to play football at the University of Georgia beginning in 2005.

Peg Brinck '95 completed two years of CPE residency in August 2004 and now has a new position as Chaplain and Director of Pastoral Services at Wood Presbyterian Village in Sweetwater, TN.

Barbara A. Holmes '95 had a new book, *Joy Unspeakable: The Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*, published by Fortress Press, July 2004. She is Associate Professor of Ethics and African American Religious Studies at Memphis Theological Seminary.

Debbie Kirk '95 has recently moved from Richmond, VA, to Raleigh, NC, to serve as Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth and Nurture at Hudson Memorial church. She had been serving as Interim Associate at Westminster church in Charlottesville, VA.

Steve '97 and Lorie Lindsley have a new son, Hunter Logan Lindsley, born Nov. 29, 2004.

Kathryn McClean Moore '97 received confirmation from the national office of the Association of Professional Chaplains of her Board Certification. She is now a Board Certified Chaplain through the APC and will be presented

the official certification at the national conference of the APC which will be held in Albuquerque, NM, in April 2005.

Sarah Diehl '98 has accepted a new call to be Associate Pastor at Towson church in Towson, MD. Her installation will be January 9, 2005.

Tim '01 and Tuesday Reynolds are excited to announce they have recently adopted a baby daughter. Lily Grace was welcomed into the family December 2, 2004. She was born Oct. 11.

Mark '01 and Ashley '01 Wright are now in Cincinnati, OH. Mark accepted a new call in January 2004 to the Kennedy Heights church. Mark's installation service last spring included two former PCUSA Moderators (Fahed Abu-Akel and Pat Brown, who is a congregation member and currently serving as a CLP on a Native American Indian reservation in Chinle, AZ. Mark reports the following about his new church: "We are one of very few truly integrated churches in the denomination, and have been since the mid 1960s. Among others, we have a growing number of members from Cameroon. One recent Sunday we had a baptism with a spectacular display of African headdresses. Our music ranged from the Hallelujah chorus to a Cameroonian chorus and an African-American spiritual. The kids danced the Native American Corn Dance. It's just how we do worship, and I love it!" Mark and Ashley also have a third son born August 27, 2003, in Spruce Pine, NC.

Chris Denny '02 continues to serve as Pastor of the McBee church, McBee, SC, and has also become a chaplain with the

Alligator Fire District, a volunteer fire department in Chesterfield County.

David "Oats" Dault '02 contributed a chapter to the recent *Derrida and Religion: Other Testaments* (Routledge 2005). This spring he will deliver papers at the Wesleyan Theological Society and at SECSOR. He lives and teaches in Nashville, TN.

Carol Johnson '03 has accepted a call as chaplain at Philips Tower in Decatur.

Thomas '03 and Beth '04 Daniel are proud of their new baby daughter, Miriam Grace, born Nov. 30, 2004.

Barnabas '03 and Emi Sprinkle are proud parents of Joshua Aaron Sprinkle who was born Nov. 16, 2004. He weighed 9 pounds even, and was 21.5 inches long. Barnabas reports that it's a bad idea to plan a "40 days of Purpose" campaign, and Advent when your baby is due.

Elizabeth Parker '04 received a call as Associate Pastor at Federated church in Columbus, NE.

Tina Sweet '04 has received a call from Bethel church in Walterboro, SC. Upon examination by presbytery, she will be ordained in February.

Tim Bostick '04 has received a call from St. Luke's church in Dunwoody, GA. He will be Associate for Program Development. His primary role will be preaching, pastoral care, and new program development, including recreation and fellowship programs.

In Memoriam

Donald B. Bailey '41, Dec. 13, 2004
Jacob Berlin '86, May 29, 2004
Dennis Ketchem '57, Sept. 29, 2004
Tommy Pritchard '95, Dec. 5, 2004

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts may be made to the Thomas Scott Pritchard Scholarship Fund, which was established by his family to provide financial assistance to a student in good standing at the seminary.

At the request of the family of Donald Bailey, memorial gifts may be made to the Donald B. and Jane E. Bailey Scholarship Fund at Columbia Theological Seminary or to the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, AL.

Memories of Don Bailey

These memories of Don Bailey are shared by his good friend, Bonneau Dickson:

The Rev. Donald Bailey died December 13th after a short illness in Austell, GA at the age of 91. His memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL at 11:00 a.m. December 18, 2004.

Don was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. John C. Bailey and was born at Liberty, SC, where his father was pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The family moved to Rock Hill, SC, in 1919 where his father had been called as pastor of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. For his years in elementary and high school Don was fortunate to be a student at the Winthrop Training School from which he graduated in 1931. He graduated

from Davidson College in 1935 and taught high school English in Rockingham, NC, for one year.

He entered Columbia Seminary in 1938 and upon his graduation in 1941 he was the recipient of the Fanny Bryant Scholarship, which is given each year to the student who, in the judgment of the faculty, has shown the most promise of excellence in ministry. He served only three churches during his 36 years of pastoral ministry. The first one was Emory church in Atlanta. It had just been organized by Atlanta Presbytery, and he was its first ordained minister. He served there from 1942 to 1951. From 1951 to 1961 he served as pastor of the historic Williamsburg church in Kingstree, SC. He was installed as pastor of First church, Huntsville, AL, in 1961 and served there until his retirement in 1978.

After retirement, the Baileys moved to Decatur to be near Jane's father. Columbia Seminary quickly brought Don on its public relations staff, where he rendered invaluable service for eight years.

Don and Jane were blessed with three sons, all of whom graduated from Davidson College. Donald, Jr. teaches at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Harold is an attorney in Huntsville, AL, and David is pastor of Central church in Anderson, SC. There are also eight grandchildren.

Don enjoyed gardening, golf, fishing and travel. These hobbies gave him warm bonds with an unusually wide range of people.

In 1996 Don and Jane bought a cottage on property at Presbyterian Village and thoroughly enjoyed the community life that is experienced there.

Bert's Travels Around The Church

In attempting to break some kind of record, the seminary display and I traveled to six presbytery meetings during November and the first few days of December. It may sound crazy, but presbytery meetings can actually be fun as an observer and they offer me many opportunities to visit with alums and meet a lot of new people. Western Kentucky Presbytery met at the Westminster church in Paducah. While there I had the pleasure of dinner with Elaine and **Lynn Shurley '74**. Lynn is the pastor of First church in Paducah. **Jon Faraone '88** preached the sermon as the outgoing moderator. On my return trip home I had lunch with **Sid '83 and Becky Leak** in Manchester, TN, where Sid is the pastor of First church.

The following week found me nearer home at the Woodlawn church in Mableton for a meeting of Cherokee Presbytery moderated by **Julia Wiley '97**, who is the pastor of Faith church in Canton, GA. Two pastors transferred their membership from Greater Atlanta Presbytery that day: Fritz Bogar (husband of our own Ann Clay Adams, Director of Admissions) who is now the pastor of the John Knox church in Marietta, GA, the other, **Ben Laughlin, '95**, is moving from the Austell church to the New Lebanon church in Jasper, GA.

Two days later I was in Sarasota, FL, at the Pine Shores church for a meeting of

Peace River Presbytery, which was moderated by my good friend, **Bill Hull '66**. I enjoyed lunch with **Nancy Oehler '04**, who had come all the way from her pastorate in Crawfordsville, IA, to see her father, Bill, installed as the new moderator. Among the many alums there, I visited with **Larry Yerger '94, Jerry Voye '85, Dennis Reid '99, Kathleen Weller '02, Ted Land '84, and Paul Kirbas '88**.

From there I traveled to Miami for a meeting of Tropical Florida Presbytery. While there, I was a guest in the home of **Diane '91 and David Shoaf** in Miami Shores. We had dinner on the river in downtown Miami with alums **Christy Miller '04 and Greta Reed '91**. Two of our fine students, **Jihyun Oh and Danny Leffredo** from Miami were at the presbytery meeting being approved for candidacy.

On my return trip home I worshipped on Sunday morning at First church in Vero Beach where **Tim Womack '89** is the pastor. It was a pleasure to have lunch at a fine local seafood restaurant with Tim, his wife Stephanie, and their two children. Their church had been flooded, not once, but twice by the recent hurricanes and they are in the midst of extensive repairs and renovations. As you might imagine, hurricane damage and recovery is a major concern for many of the churches and their members throughout Florida. Please keep them in your prayers, and know that although they aren't making the news as they were during hurricane season, they will need assistance in many forms for a long time to come.

As I continued my trip north up the east coast, I visited with **Emese Asztolos** at

the First church in Daytona Beach. Eme is an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of Hungary who did graduate work last year at CTS. She has a very active ministry among Hungarians, of which there are several hundred, in the Daytona Beach area. The ministry is supported by First church and initiated by **Bob Gamble '82**, its pastor.

At the end of November I made several visits in the Tampa Bay area. Among them was a two-hour visit in the lake district of Inverness with **Taylor Hill '67**. What a great time of sharing good seminary memories and hearing about his ministry over the years!

The following day I attended a meeting of Tampa Bay Presbytery at First church in Lakeland. I enjoyed lunch and a good visit with **Alan Harvey '86**. Among others I saw there were **Fred Fife '72**, **Rhett Talbert '87**, **Betts Huntly '86 (D.Min)**, **Bill Sistar '64** and **Steve Negley '85**.

I was home for the weekend and then back to a meeting of Central Florida Presbytery in Port Orange. By now I've learned my way around many of the back roads there and in some ways I'm beginning to feel like a Floridian. All reports at presbytery were that **Paige McRight '02 (D.Min)** is doing a great job as their new exec. Among many of the alums in attendance I saw **Gyeong Mok Kim '95**, **Larry Cuthill '72**, **Bob Gamble '82**, **Emese Astalos '04**, **Chip Blankinship '95**, **Nancy Graham Ogne '93**, **Paul Ogne '98**, **Bob Wallace '67**, and **Tim Womack '89**.

It was good being in Florida, and also good to head north toward home in

Lithia Springs, GA. One final overnight stay was a free night's lodging and a steak from the grill at the five star "Brice Inn" in Blackshear, GA, hosted by Sandra and **Joe Brice '85**. I pray that they never get tired of me just "dropping in."

Wherever you travel or whether you're "Home for the Holidays" Barbara Poe and I wish you a holiday season filled with peace, joy, and blessings.

Bert

I share these travels with you to make you aware of where some of our fellow alumni/ae are and what they're doing these days. Also, we'd be interested in knowing if any of you would like to host, with our help, a gathering of Columbia folks in your area. Please call 404-687-4668, 404-687-4566 or e-mail me at Carmichaelb@ctsnet.edu.

Staying Connected

If you have recently moved to a new presbytery and would like to know of other CTS alums in that presbytery or your geographical area, let us know and we'll e-mail a list to you.

If you are interested in having your e-mail address listed in our e-mail directory on our web page and haven't notified us, please email Barbara Poe at poeb@ctsnet.edu. We will not list your e-mail address without your permission.

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